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## Corps planning Lewiston levee repair work

**Clarkston, Wash.,** -- The U.S. Army is evaluating and developing plans to repair a levee in Lewiston, Idaho, that has been seeping for several years, according to a Corps of Engineers dam safety specialist.

"The cause of the seepage has been attributed to the reservoir drawdown test that was conducted in 1992 on Lower Granite Lake, said dam safety specialist Everett Wright, a dam safety official with the Walla Walla District. "The seepage increased this past winter so we performed some exploratory work in the area during March and April of this year." The section of the levee that is being repaired is approximately 200 feet in length and is located near Kiwanis Park in Lewiston.

Wright said that the levee is not in immediate danger of failure. However, the increased seepage is an indication of a deteriorating condition and has become a safety concern. The levee repair is planned within the next two years, dependent on when funds for the repair are made available.

"As a follow-up to work we did earlier this year, we are contracting with the engineering firm of Shannon & Wilson, Inc., Seattle, Wash., to review the data collected so far, further evaluate the seepage problem and develop plans and specifications for the levee repair," said Wright. The Corps expects to complete the design work by this fall.

Eight miles of levees around Lewiston contain the floodwaters of the Clearwater and Snake Rivers and also protect the city from the lake created in 1975 by Lower Granite Lock and Dam. The dam is a Corps project on the Snake River in Washington, 30 miles downstream from Lewiston.

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